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1. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ATHENS NEWS MARCH 14 CARRIED FRONT
PAGE STORY HEADED "TURK AEGEAN EXERCISES" IN WHICH IT WAS
STATED THAT "GREEK CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT LAST NIGHT
ISSUED AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO USERS OF THE AEGAN SEA AIR
SPACE ADVISING THEM THAT TURKEY WOULD SOON CARRY OUT AN
AIR AND NAVAL EXERCISE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF THE
AEGEAN SEA." THE STORY WENT ON TO QUOTE GREEK OBSERVERS
TO EFFECT THAT TURKEY HAD APPLIED FOR PERMISSION, CONTRASTING
THIS WITH SITUATION "A SHORT WHILE AGO" WHEN ANKARA
STATED IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO APPLY AND CLAIMED THAT
THIS CONSTITUTED TURKISH RECOGNITION OF GREEK COMPETENCE.

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TO EXERCISE CONTROL OVER AEGEAN AIRSPACE. (SIMILAR

STORIES ALSO CARRIED BY GREEK LANGUAGE PRESS.)

2. AAIRA DISCUSSED SUBJECT SITUATION WITH COGNIZANT HAFIC OFFICERS MARCH 14, WHO CONFIRMED ESSENCE OF STORY. INCLUDING FACT THAT TAF ASKED FOR ISSUANCE OF NOTAM SOME TEN DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED MARCH 20 EXERCISE, IN CONTRAST TO SPRING 1974 SITUATION WHEN TAF JUST INFORMED HAF IT WOULD BE CONDUCTING EXERCISE. AS ADDEES WILL RECALL (REF A), CONFUSION AROSE IN SPRING 1974 OVER TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OF MARITIME OPERATIONS (TASMO) EXERCISE SCHEDULED BY TURKS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS OF AEGEAN AT INVITATION OF NATO COMMAND, WHICH HAD NOT DISCUSSED MATTER WITH GREEKS. NEAR CONFRONTATION OCCURRED WHEN TAF FLEW EXERCISE, INCLUDING SEVERAL ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF GREEK AIRSPACE, DESPITE GOG REFUSAL TO ISSUE APPROPRIATE NOTAM. SIMILAR SITUATION CROPPED UP AGAIN IN JUNE 1974 (REF B).

3. WE HAVE BEEN UNACCUSTOMED IN LAST YEAR TO SUCH DISPLAYS OF CIVILITY BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS AND HOPE THAT THIS IS HARBINGER OF BETTER THINGS TO COME. PRUDENCE, HOWEVER, REQUIRES A TEMPERING OF OUR ENTHUSIASM ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE ONLY AN ISOLATED INCIDENT, WELCOME THOUGH IT IS.
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